

University of Puerto Rico
Mayagüez Campus
Caribbean Regional Association for an Integrated
Coastal Ocean Observing System
Activity Report
Beginning on June 1, 2005 to November 30, 2005

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Date	Activity
June 2, 2005	<p>Government designates focal contact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter from the Department of State of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was received announcing the designation of the Secretary of Natural Resources as the Commonwealth Government focal point of contact. This as the result of our letter to the governor of Puerto Rico, Mr. Anibal Acevedo Vila.
June 8, 2005	<p>Meeting with Secretary of Department of Natural Resources and the Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting with Mr. Javier Vélez, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (DNRE) and Mr. Ernesto Diaz, administrator DNER was held. The PI, Julio Morell and the Co-PI Jorge Corredor attended this meeting. A white paper describing the initiative was requested. The Secretary offered to provide meeting venues, assist in coordination and serve as liaison for State Government Agencies. Convening of a workshop to present the project to all State and Federal Agencies was agreed upon.
October 17, 2005	<p>Selection of clerical staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews for the election of the Administrative Assistant began this month. The University Office of Human Resources provided a pool of candidates.
November 3, 2005	<p>Graduate Assistant interviewed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wilson Rovira, a MS student was interviewed
November 10, 2005	<p>Administrative Assistant selected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After interviewing a pool of 6 candidates, Ms Jacqueline Rodríguez was selected to join us as Administrative Assistant.
(December 6 2005)	<p>Account created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter was received from the Finance Office of the R&D Center of UPRM announcing the creation of an account for CaRA.